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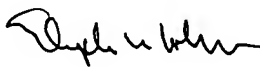
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1. The reply filed on 10/07/2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Non of the species described in the Office action mailed on 9/9/2004 can be properly described as "directed to an armor containing circular disk-shaped beads". Species A is directed to "circular beads" and species B is directed to "disk shaped beads". Consequently, applicant has not constructively elected a species for action on the merits. As such the previous response is considered to be non-responsive. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Johnson whose telephone number is 703-306-4158. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 703-306-4198. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-306-4177.

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